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MAXFIELD TAKES ON MAJOR FED, NY TRAFFIC IN GRADE III, \$150,000 MATT WINN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, May 20, 2020) – Godolphin's undefeated Grade I winner **Maxfield** is set to face 11 rivals, including **Lloyd Madison Farm**'s Risen Star (GII) runner-up **Major Fed** and **John Fanelli, Cash is King** and **Paul Braverman**'s Louisiana Derby (GII) runner-up **Ny Traffic**, in Saturday's \$150,000 Matt Winn presented by Woodford Reserve (GIII) – one of five stakes races on the 11-race program at Churchill Downs.

The Matt Winn, a 1 1/16-mile event for 3-year-olds, will award the Top 4 finishers 50-20-10-5 points on the extended Road to the Kentucky Derby series. The 146th running of the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve was postponed from May 2 to Sept. 5 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Matt Winn is the featured race on Saturday's program that has been dubbed "Stephen Foster Preview Day" and features four additional stakes events: the \$100,000 Shawnee (Race 7), \$100,000 Tepin (Race 8), \$100,000 Blame (Race 9) and \$100,000 War Chant (Race 11). First post is 1 p.m. (all times Eastern) and the Matt Winn is slated at 5:44 p.m.

The card includes a trio of Pick 4 and Pick 5 wagers along with the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot. The late Pick 5 and Pick 4 will feature an all-stakes sequence. Free Brisnet past performances and additional handicapping information will be available at www.churchilldowns.com/handicapping.

Maxfield, a 3-year-old homebred colt by Street Sense, has been on the sidelines since his 5 ½-length score in the \$500,000 Breeders' Futurity in early October. Trained by **Brendan Walsh**, Maxfield was one of the likely favorites for the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile but was forced to scratch because of a minor issue in his right front leg.

"The biggest difference we have all noticed with him from last year to this year has been his physicality," Walsh said. "We never really questioned what he was like mentally but you can tell when we got him back to training he's really filled out physically."

Jose Ortiz, who has worked Maxfield at Keeneland prior to the Matt Winn, will be in the saddle on Saturday.

"Jose worked him from the gate two works ago and he broke very sharply," Walsh said. "We never really expected to have those gate issues last year but I'm hoping those are behind him now."

Chief among Maxfield's competition in the Matt Winn is \$400,000 Risen Star runner-up and \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII) fourth-place finisher **Major Fed**. Trained by **Greg Foley** and ridden by **Joel Rosario**, Major Fed drew post 12 in the Matt Winn.

"Hopefully we will finally get lucky with a good trip," Foley said. "He ran two really hard races in the Risen Star and the Louisiana Derby. We just got a little bit unlucky with our trips."

Also entered in the Matt Winn is Louisiana Derby (GII) runner-up **Ny Traffic**. Trained by Florida-based horseman **Saffie Joseph Jr.**, Ny Traffic has dueled with fellow Matt Winn entrant Major Fed in their last two encounters. Major Fed got the better of Ny Traffic by a neck in the Risen Star but in the Louisiana Derby, Ny Traffic beat Major Fed by 3 ¼ lengths. **Paco Lopez** has the call on Ny Traffic from post 6.

Other top competitors that entered the Matt Winn include **Winchell Thoroughbreds**' undefeated **Pneumatic**; **Jim Bakke** and **Gerald Isbister**'s Unbridled Stakes runner-up **Attachment Rate**; and Godolphin's impressive Fair Grounds maiden winner **Mystic Guide**.

The full field for the Matt Winn from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): Mystic Guide (Brian Hernandez Jr., Mike Stidham); Pneumatic (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen); **Informative** (John Bisono, Uriah St. Lewis); **Celtic Striker** (Manny Franco, Ray Handal); **Flap Jack** (Rafael Bejarano, Jack Sisterson); Ny Traffic (Lopez, Joseph); **Necker Island** (Tyler Gaffalione, Stanley Hough); **Crypto Cash** (Corey Lanerie, Kenny McPeek); **Shake Some Action** (Javier Castellano, Brad Cox); Maxfield (Ortiz, Walsh); Attachment Rate (John Velazquez, Dale Romans); and Major Fed (Rosario, Foley).

Saturday's National Weather Service forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high of 84 degrees.

MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES WINNERS MR. MONEY, OWENDALE TOP COMPETITIVE FIRST RUNNING OF \$100,000 BLAME

Multiple graded stakes winners **Mr. Money** and **Owendale** headline a solid field of 14 older horses in Saturday's first running of the \$100,000 Blame presented by Norton Healthcare – a potential steppingstone to the \$500,000 Stephen Foster (Grade II) on closing day of the Spring Meet at Churchill Downs.

The one-mile Blame, named after the 2010 Eclipse Award-winning older horse, is set for Race 9 with a post time of 5:12 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post Saturday is 1 p.m. Dubbed as "Stephen Foster Preview Day," Saturday's 11-race program features a quintet of stakes events: the \$100,000 Shawnee (Race 7), \$100,000 Tepin (Race 8), \$150,000 Matt Winn (GIII) (Race 10) and \$100,000 War Chant (Race 11).

Mr. Money, owned by **Allied Racing Stable** and **Spendthrift Farm** and trained by **Bret Calhoun**, became a highly-touted 3-year-old last year with four Grade III victories on his résumé including the \$400,000 Pat Day Mile on Kentucky Derby Day at Churchill Downs. The now 4-year-old son of Goldencents will attempt to get back in the winner's circle following disappointing defeats in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI) and \$150,000 Oaklawn Mile. His regular pilot **Gabriel Saez** will be in the irons from post No. 13.

Rupp Racing's three-time Grade III winner Owendale drew post 8 for the Blame as the **Brad Cox** trainee is set to make his 4-year-old debut. Owendale's 3-year-old campaign was highlighted by victories in the \$200,000 Lexington (GIII), \$500,000 Ohio Derby (GIII) and \$400,000 Oklahoma Derby (GIII). His sophomore campaign concluded with a runner-up finish in the \$600,000 Clark (GI). Owendale will be ridden by **Florent Geroux**.

Other horses expected to garner attention in the Blame are **Tom Durant**'s multiple graded stakes winner **Silver Dust**; **Ken and Sarah Ramsey**'s come-backing \$400,000 Alysheba (GII) hero **Backyard Heaven**; **Sagamore Farm** and **WinStar Farm**'s four-time winner **Global Campaign**; and **Uriah St. Lewis**' 2018 \$750,000 Jockey Club Gold Cup (GI) winner **Discreet Lover**.

The complete field for the Blame (with jockey and trainer): **Long Range Toddy** (Jon Court, Dallas Stewart); **Bourbon Resolution** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes); Global Campaign (Stanley Hough, Jose Ortiz); **Alwaysmining** (Manny Franco, Kelly Rubley); **Everfast** (Joel Rosario, Jack Sisterson); Backyard Heaven (Tyler Gaffalione, Mike Maker); Silver Dust (Adam Beschizza, Bret Calhoun); Owendale (Geroux, Cox); **Extraordinary Jerry** (Javier Castellano, Dermot Magner); **Snapper Sinclair** (Julien Leparoux, Steve Asmussen); **American Anthem** (David Cohen, Danny Gargan); Discreet Lover (John Bisono, St. Lewis); Mr. Money (Gabriel Saez, Calhoun); and **Diamond King** (Kendrick Carmouche, John Servis).

GRADE I WINNER DUNBAR ROAD HEADLINES \$100,000 SHAWNEE

Peter Brant's \$600,000 Alabama (GI) winner **Dunbar Road** is set for her 4-year-old debut as she'll face seven rivals that entered Saturday's \$100,000 Shawnee Stakes presented by TwinSpires.com – part of "Stephen Foster Preview Day" at Churchill Downs.

The 1 1/16-mile Shawnee is a likely steppingstone to the 1 1/8-mile Fleur de Lis (GII), a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" event on Saturday, June 27 at Churchill Downs. The Shawnee was carded as Race 7 with a post time of 4:08 p.m. (all times Eastern). Other stakes races on the program are the \$150,000 Matt Winn (GIII), \$100,000 Blame, \$100,000 Tepin and \$100,000 War Chant.

Dunbar Road will be making her 4-year-old debut for trainer **Chad Brown** following her fifth-place finish in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI) in November. The four-time winning daughter of Quality Road was made eligible for the Shawnee with a \$2,000 supplement fee after not originally being nominated. **Jose Ortiz** has the call from post position No. 4.

Another accomplished mare that entered the Shawnee is **Bradley Thoroughbreds, Tim and Anna Cambron, Denali Stud, Rigney Racing** and **Madaket Stables**' \$500,000 La Troienne (GI) winner **She's a Julie**. Trained by **Steve Asmussen**, She's a Julie will make her first start in her 5-year-old campaign following a fourth-place effort in October's Spinster (GI) at Keeneland. **Ricardo Santana Jr.** is signed on to ride from post 8.

The complete field for the Shawnee from the inside out (with jockey and trainer): **Moonlit Garden** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mark Casse); **Chocolate Kisses** (Declan Carroll, Casse); **Awe Emma** (Jon Court, Dallas Stewart); Dunbar Road (Ortiz, Brown); **Another Broad** (John Velazquez, Todd Pletcher); **Vault** (Joel Rosario, Brad Cox); **Flower Party (IRE)** (Shaun Bridgmohan, Mike Stidham); and She's A Julie (Santana, Asmussen).

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF WINNER SHARING BACK IN \$100,000 TEPIN

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and **Gainesway Stable**'s \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (Grade I) winner **Sharing** is set to make her 3-year-old debut in Saturday's first running of the \$100,000 Tepin Stakes presented by Woodford Reserve – one of five stakes events on "Stephen Foster Preview Day" at Churchill Downs.

The one-mile Tepin Stakes, named after the brilliant two-time Eclipse Award-winning turf mare, is slated as Race 8 with a post time of 4:40 p.m. (all times Eastern). Saturday's program features a stakes bonanza topped by the \$150,000 Matt Winn (GIII) for 3-year-olds on the Road to the Kentucky Derby. Other stakes events on the card are the \$100,000 Blame, \$100,000 Shawnee and \$100,000 War Chant. First post for the 11-race program is 1 p.m.

Sharing, a Maryland-bred daughter of Speightstown, has not been seen since her 1 ¼-length score in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita. Trained by **Graham Motion**, Sharing's only blemish in her four-race career was a narrow third-place effort in her debut. Following the Breeders' Cup, Sharing was given a break but returned to Motion's Fair Hill training center in March and has been consistently working toward her sophomore debut.

Jockey **Manny Franco**, who was aboard Sharing in the Breeders' Cup, will be back aboard in the Tepin from post No. 9.

Chief among Sharing's opposition in the Tepin is **Godolphin**'s undefeated filly **Alms**. Trained by **Mike Stidham**, Alms is a perfect 4-for-4 in her career, including stakes victories in the \$150,000 Matron Stakes (GIII), \$100,000 Jimmy Durante (GIII) and \$60,000 Shantel Lanerie Memorial Overnight Stakes. **Paco Lopez** will be aboard Alms in the Tepin from post 14.

The field for the Tepin will also include \$100,000 Florida Oaks (GIII) winner **Outburst (GB)**; \$150,000 Here Comes the Bride (GIII) runner-up **Abscond**; \$100,000 Ginger Brew Stakes runner-up **Moral Reasoning**; and \$150,000 Bourbonette Oaks hero **Queen of God**.

Racing on the Matt Winn Turf Course for Saturday will be staged from the hedge with no temporary inside rail.

The complete field for the Tepin Stakes from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Oxum Power** (Joseph Ramos, Paulo Lobo); Abscond (Tyler Gaffalione, Eddie Kenneally); **Walk in Marrakesh (IRE)** (Jose Ortiz, Ignacio Correas IV); **Dominga** (Shaun Bridgmohan, Brad Cox); **Hendy Woods** (Declan Carroll, Mark Casse); **In Good Spirits** (Miguel Mena, Al Stall Jr.); Outburst (Javier Castellano, Kenneally); **Jezebel's Kitten** (Florent Geroux, Cox); Sharing (Franco, Motion); **Pass the Plate** (Julien Leparoux, Paul McGee); **Heir of Light** (Jose Lezcano, Norm Casse); **Moral Reasoning** (Joel Rosario, Chad Brown); Queen of God (Joe Talamo, Mike Maker); and Alms (Lopez, Stidham). **Eye of War** (John Velazquez, Todd Pletcher) is on the also-eligible list.

JEFF RUBY STEAKS WINNER FIELD PASS TOPS INAUGURAL \$100,000 WAR CHANT

Three Diamonds Farm's \$250,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) winner **Field Pass** will move back to turf as the headliner for Saturday's \$100,000 War Chant presented by TwinSpires.com – a one-mile turf event for 3-year-olds on "Stephen Foster Preview Day" at Churchill Downs.

The War Chant is one of five stakes events on the 11-race program Saturday at Churchill Downs. First post is 1 p.m. (all times Eastern) and the War Chant goes as the Race 11 finale at 6:16 p.m. Also on the card is the \$150,000 Matt Winn (GIII), \$100,000 Blame, \$100,000 Shawnee and \$100,000 War Chant.

Field Pass, the winner of Turfway Park's Jeff Ruby Steaks, will shift from the synthetic Polytrack surface back to the turf in Saturday's race. Trained by **Mike Maker**, Field Pass captured the March 14 Jeff Ruby Steaks by a neck over the **Wesley Ward**-trained **Invader**. The 3-year-old son of Lemon Drop Kid returned to Kentucky in February following his victory in Gulfstream Park's \$100,000 **Dania Beach**. **Jose Ortiz** will have the call in the War Chant from post No. 5.

Among the top challengers to Field Pass in the War Chant are **Godolphin**'s speedy **Hieronymus**, who captured the \$57,000 Randy Romero Memorial and \$70,000 Black Gold at Fair Grounds; **Daniel Ryan**'s \$100,000 Rushaway winner **Vanzzy**; and **Cannon Thoroughbreds**' \$100,000 Cecil B. DeMille Stakes winner **Smooth Like Strait**.

Matthew Schera's \$100,000 Kittens Joy (GIII) winner **Island Commish** was supplemented to the War Chant field with a \$2,000 payment at the time of entries on Wednesday. **Paco Lopez** will ride the **Saffie Joseph Jr.** trainee from post 3.

The War Chant field from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **South Bend** (Julien Leparoux, Stanley Hough); **Bodecream** (Deshawn Parker, Danny Pish); **Island Commish** (Lopez, Joseph); **Vanzzy** (Kendrick Carmouche, Mike Pino); **Field Pass** (Ortiz, Maker); **Hieronymus** (Shaun Bridgmohan, Brad Cox); **Bama Breeze** (Corey Lanerie, Rusty Arnold); **Liam's Pride** (David Cohen, Doug O'Neill); **Smooth Like Strait** (John Velazquez, Michael McCarthy); **Shared Sense** (Florent Geroux, Cox); **Street Ready** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes); **Pixelate** (Joel Rosario, Mike Stidham); **Billy Batts** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen); **Fenwick Station** (Tyler Gaffalione, Eddie Kenneally). **Natural Power** (Adam Beschizza, Mark Casse) is on the also-eligible list.

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